

# Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

## Rough News

### About Our

### Highways

The Arkansas Highway Department yesterday handed a report to Governor McMath declaring the financial crisis has reached such a point that we may not be able to keep all of our trunk-line roads open to traffic.

The report consists of two statements:

1. It will take 40 million dollars to bring our national highway routes (61-64-65-67-70) up to U. S. Bureau of Public Roads standards—and 25 millions merely to rebuild the most critical sections.

2. Rebuilding primary roads other than the national routes would require 93 millions—and it will take 64 millions just to fix the most critical parts.

The two totals mentioned above come to a grand figure of 142 million dollars—and the report admits virtually none of this money is in sight.

Not even the 49 millions required to restore the national highways—and it is these which produce the major part of the gasoline tax revenue that supports our highway debt structure and maintenance work.

But this is a crisis that has been coming on for years. The highways were pounded down in the war years. There was much criticism of the Lacey administration—whether deserved or not—for non-maintenance which let water get under the concrete slab. And postponement of the crisis by resorting to inadequate measures has continued into the McMath administration.

This newspaper charged that the 28-million-dollar additional bond issue which Governor McMath put through in a special election immediately after he took office was a nightmare of inadequacy and would increase the public debt without doing the job that had to be done for the revenue-producing highways. A desperate people, however, voted for that bond issue—and now the crisis is upon us.

No public road will actually be closed, of course. But it may be necessary to bar from Arkansas all transcontinental heavy trucks so local traffic can be maintained. This would mean an additional financial disaster, since the trucks do contribute some highway revenue.

The fact is the big trucks don't pay enough. I'm writing strictly from memory, but what I recall is that in the last session of the legislature nothing was done to raise more highway money from the big truck lines—although Arkansas' charge against them was lower than many other states'.

I don't intend this as a persecution of the big truckers. As an owner of machinery myself I know that the big truck lines have a vital interest in highways—without a good road to run on they are out of business. The cost of getting a good road is whatever it may be. There is no other choice.

Arkansas is an agricultural state whose resources can't possibly build and maintain heavy-duty roads unless the big truck lines pay a substantial share of the cost.

Highway revenues must be increased, for on this annual "take" depends our ability to borrow and pay interest on the money required to put the Arkansas highway system in good shape.

These are the facts. We've known them for a long time. The crisis we have been postponing has finally arrived—and don't tell me you're surprised... because you aren't.

## Opponents of Phone Rate Hike Take Over

Little Rock, Nov. 22 (AP)—Direct testimony of opponents of a permanent rate increase for Southwestern Bell Telephone company was to start before the Arkansas Public Service commission today.

Cross examination of witnesses who testified for the company in support of its application for a \$460,000 boost in annual rates was completed yesterday.

The rate increase is in effect on a temporary basis.

## Only 2,009 Bales Cotton Ginned in Hempstead

A Department of Commerce census report shows that 2,009 bales of cotton have been ginned in Hempstead County from the crop of 1950 prior to November 1. This compares with 7,023 bales for the crop of 1949.

## FBI Change

Little Rock, Nov. 22 (AP)—Scott S. Alden, agent in charge of the Little Rock FBI office since last March, will take charge of the Savannah, Ga., office Dec. 1.

And he'll be succeeded here by M. W. McFarlin, now in charge of the Savannah office.

The exchange of posts was announced yesterday.

## Attend Meeting

Six local Farm Bureau members are attending the state meeting of the organization at Little Rock. They include Ury McKenzie, Moss Rowe, Ivan Bright, Clyde Cummins and Oliver Adams.

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### Revenue Department Budget Under Consideration

Little Rock, Nov. 22. The Arkansas Legislative council met today to resume consideration of a \$1,427,50 budget submitted by the state revenue department.

When the council recessed late yesterday it had considered about half the budget item by item and had made no changes.

State Senator Jerry Scretton of Hazen, often a critic of Governor McMath's administration, suggested that the new budget—the total is a reduction of some \$200,000 from the current one—be approved immediately.

Scretton, along with several other council members, also objected when Rep. W. L. Ward of Lee county sought to reduce the \$7,500 yearly salary which has been paid Revenue Commissioner Dean Morley.

The commissioner's salary was not changed, but the council decided to consider all items in the budget.

## U. S. Britain at Odds Over China Probe

Lake Success, Nov. 22 (AP)—Britain and the United States lined up in opposite camps again today on the question of investigating Nationalist China's charges of Russian aggression.

The U. N. assembly's 60-nation political committee, resuming debate on the issue may decide it before the day is over.

Nationalist China's T. F. Tsiang presented his case yesterday. He charged that the Kremlin not only engineered the Chinese civil war, but now has 45,000 agents in China controlling all political, economic and cultural life.

Tsiang proposed that the U. N. set up a fact-finding commission to look into the situation and report back to the assembly next fall. His plan found little support except from the United States, which agreed the problem should be studied by some sort of commission.

Russia demanded that the entire question be thrown out as unfit for discussion. Soviet Delegate Jacob A. Malik said Nationalist China already is headed for the "historic scrap heap."

Britain agreed that it would be useless to inquire into what happened in China. British Delegate J. E. Coulson said the facts are not really in dispute and added: "Our opinions won't be changed."

Britain is one of the 17 U. N. members which have recognized Red China. For this reason, she frequently finds herself at odds with the United States on Chinese problems.

"Anything that embitters the Far Eastern situation cannot do anything but harm," Coulson said.

Faris El Khouri of Syria also expressed the belief it would be useless to create a fact-finding commission. He suggested instead that the question either be sent to the little assembly for study another year or be referred to the international court of justice at The Hague.

The department reported that an increase of one cent per gallon in the state gasoline tax would amount to \$3,000,000 a year and that a two-cent increase would supply about the same amount of money that is being derived by the current bond construction program of \$7,000,000 annually, provided the entire proceeds went to highway department.

The report recommended that if funds can be found the interstate park system be rebuilt to federal standards and that highway 67 from Little Rock to the Missouri line and highway 22 from Dardanelle to Fort Smith be reconstructed.

This would take care of the roads that carry the heaviest traffic and are in the most critical condition, the report said.

Officers at Russellville today recaptured two convicts who escaped yesterday from the Arkansas prison farm at Cummins. They are Roland E. Gove, alias Floyd Witherell, 20, of Haviland, Mass., serving a life sentence and Ralph Murphy, 20, of Russellville, serving a 4-year sentence for burglary.

Gove was sentenced in Hempstead for the murder of Matthew Runnels of Sheppard.

The convicts were driving a new 1950 Nash stolen at Star City at the time of their arrest, State Police here said.

Car Wheel Locks, Hits Building, Child Is Hurt

An automobile driven by Mrs. J. D. Chesshir, 606 Johnson St., went out of control at the Third and Walnut Street stop sign about 4 p.m. yesterday and crashed into a building occupied by the Nunn-McDowell Motor Co.

Mrs. Chesshir was not seriously hurt but her young daughter suffered severe cuts about the mouth.

Investigating officers said the steering gear locked when Mrs. Chesshir applied the brake approaching the stop sign and the car veered to the right and hit the building, breaking a large plate glass window.

Draft Board to Observe Turkey Day Nov. 23

Hempstead local draft board No. 29 will be closed Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving, it was announced today by J. M. Duffie.

## 21, Including 8 Children Feared Lost in Crash

Moran, Wyo., Nov. 22 (AP)—A missionary plane with 21 aboard—eight of them children—apparently crashed and burned last night in swirling clouds on snowy Mount Moran. Rescue units headed for the scene.

Grand Teton National park officials were sure climbers making their tortuous way up the 12,100-foot peak would find wreckage of the plane. They held only slim hope there could be survivors.

A resort owner said he saw a burning fuselage in the flames far above timberline on the precipitous east face of the mountain. When the fire subsided, he could see nothing resembling a campfire.

The missing plane was bound from Chico, Calif., to Billings, Mont. Owned by the New Tribes Mission, a religious organization, it was on the first leg of a flight to South America.

Passengers included two young mothers with their children, widowed in the crash of another mission-owned plane in Venezuela last June which killed 15. Also aboard was Dr. Paul W. Flemings of Chico, mission director.

The new, twin-engine DC-3 last reported by radio over Idaho Falls, Idaho, at 3:48 p.m. MST. That was 50 miles west of here. The plane was due at Billings at 6:30 p.m.

It was about that time that residents of his picturesque area 25 miles south of Yellowstone Park heard a plane overhead. It was far off usual air lanes. And it was flying west, just opposite the direction the California plane should have been headed. There was speculation it was lost and hunting landmarks.

Half an hour later, acting Teton Park Superintendent Paul A. Judge said a fire was reported about 1,000 feet from the top of Mount Moran. "There were no mountain climbers out," Judge said. "We assumed it could be nothing but a plane wreck."

Clarance Harris, an owner of Signal mountain Lodge, eight miles across Jackson lake from the mountain, took out a pair of powerful field glasses.

"I saw what looked like a burning fuselage way up there in the snow," he said. "I don't think any body could be alive."

In Los Angeles, a Mission official, Irving Samuelson, said the plane had been flown only a few hours. He said it was thoroughly checked before it left. The pilots were experienced, he added.

Crew members included Pilot Cy Lowery, Co-pilot Jack Dennis, and Bob Crammer, former B-17 pilot.

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Comfortably relaxed in their home on Guam, M. I., are, William H. Davis, radio operator, first class, USN, of Route 4, Hope, Ark., his wife Irene and their son, Billy. Davis is a communications supervisor on the staff of Commander, Fleet Air GUAM. He entered the Naval service Aug. 12, 1940. Mrs. Davis is the former Miss Irene Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Johnson of Girard Route, Sidney, Mont. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph—1062123)

## German Vote May Decide Rearming Plan

Frankfurt, Germany, Nov. 22 (AP)—The biggest state in the American zone of Germany votes next Sunday in an election that could decide the fate of American plans to rearm Western Europe in the near future.

The voters of Bavaria elect a new state parliament. The results may determine whether Western Germany will take in the defense of Europe against Russia.

Two large German states gave a ringing "no" to rearmament in similar elections last Sunday.

Alled officials said victories by anti-rearmament Socialists in Hesse and Wurttemberg-Baden spurred their nationwide drive to keep Germans disarmed. Similarly, the forces seeking to enlist the West Germans in the Western defense setup were weakened.

The result of the Bavarian election—where rearmament is also the big political issue—may turn the tide either for or against the creation of a new German army, these officials said.

Allied military officials agree that Western Europe cannot be effectively defended without the full participation of both France and Western Germany.

The Atlantic powers now are considering how German armed units could be integrated into a unified Western defense force.

If the pro-rearmament Christian Democrats win or hold their own in Bavaria, there will be a good chance that the federal government

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## Winners of Farm Contest Honored

The Chamber of Commerce, the First National and the Citizens Banks of Hope, sponsored a banquet, honoring the thirty-nine Live-At-Home competition contestants who returned their record books, last week, at Yerger High school.

The guest list included the farmer and his wife, the judges, and the speakers. Thirty of the families were present. The attendance was seventy-eight.

Each family received a basket of assorted articles of merchandise donated by the merchants of Hope.

The first place winners received additional awards by the merchants of Hope. The first place winners received additional awards in cash of \$10.

Winners to receive these awards were: Landowners—Will Draper, McCaskill; Tenant—Gertrude Nash, Sheppard; Home Improvement—Joseph Coleman; St. Mark.

The second place winners also received special gifts: Landowner—Jim Witherspoon, Columbus, a silk scarf; Tenant—Alvin J. Wilson, Iron Springs, a blanket; Home Improvement—Thelma Richie, Elevins, two sheets.

The banquet service was in charge of Velma Frye and the N.H.A. girls of Yerger Home Economics Department. The color scheme was red, white, and blue. The program emphasis was upon the "Influence of the Live-at-Home Program of Community Living."

The program speakers were: Welcome, by Professor W. V. Rutherford, Principal of Yerger High School; short talks by Vadie Robinson, Bleeding Home Economics teacher, and W. E. Miller, Vocational Agricultural teacher, Hope. The address was given by the Reverend E. N. Glover, Pastor of Rising Star Baptist church, Hope.

Introduction of guests and the presentation of awards were done by the assistant fram and home agents for Negro work who acted for the F. H. A. representative, the Chamber of Commerce, and the banks of Hope. At the conclusion of the dinner, Ruth Walker, McCaskill, was chosen to express the thanks of the group to the respective sponsors.

The second danger area was near Modesto, where runoff waters from the Don Pedro dam are expected to inundate lowland and residential areas today. The dam filled yesterday and 26,000 cubic feet of water a second are still flowing into it.

General relief seemed to be at hand, however.

The U. S. weather bureau in San Francisco reported the excessive rainstorm... is ended." The bureau predicted generally fair weather over northern and central California today.

Reno faced a tremendous cleanup job.

The waters of the rampaging Truckee river are once again retained by their banks after a 12-hour flood termed "the worst" in Reno's history" by the mayor. Most of the \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 loss estimated by the Reno Chamber of Commerce was suffered in damaged hotels, stores and merchandise. Mud and water filled many basements containing stocks of Christmas goods.

California damage was estimated at \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the army engineers.

In the soggy central valley, officials prepared to undertake the tremendous task of rebuilding and rehabilitation.

The state department of public health rushed typhoid vaccine to Sutter, Yuba and Tulare county health officers to combat drinking water troubles.

The Red Cross, busy providing food, clothing, blankets and housing for refugees, registered flood victims as a preliminary step to the huge rehabilitation job.

The program features consisted of group singing led by Freedra McCain, County Song Leader; Welcome by Mary Louise Booker, Council president; Prayer of Thanks by Prof. J. P. Powell, Local Leader.

The purpose of the banquet was given by the Assistant County Agent; Reading by Maxine Evans, New Hope Club. Music was furnished by the Washington 4-H Chorus. Remarks were made by the County 4-H leaders, Elee Brown and Gertrude Nash.

The address was delivered by Rev. E. L. Holmes, Principal of Douglas School, McNab, Ark. Presentation of awards was made by Howard Fleming, Jr., Assistant County Agent for Negro Work.

The awards made were as follow: Joe Louis Peoples, Sheppard Club, R. Gaines Federation; the election of Douglass School, McNab, Ark., President; the conferring of Honorary Membership Degree and the planning of activities for the year.

The program included the organization of a new Federation, the R. Gaines Federation; the election and installation of officers for the year, the conferring of Honorary Membership Degree and the planning of activities for the year.

Two members of the Yerger M. F. A. Chapter were elected officers in the L. R. Gaines Federation. They are Stewart Williamson, Vice President, and W. D. McFadden, Secretary-Treasurer.

**SCOTT NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Guthrie.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurst spent  
Tuesday in Shreveport La.

Mrs. G. C. Prince of Texarkana  
was the guest of relatives here last  
week.

Mrs. Ed. Malmkum of Dallas, Tex-  
as, is the guest of her sister, Mrs.  
C. H. Moore and Mr. Moore.

Miss Ida Ray Hamilton, student  
at Henderson College, Arkadelphia,  
spent the week-end here with her  
parents.

The Methodist Men's Fellowship  
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under Smith College for outstanding work in 4-H club and in school.

Powers 4-H Club was awarded a certificate as one of the champion banner clubs of the state. McNab 4-H Club won third place in the State Fire Prevention Contest.

Foley Manufacturing Company awarded gifts to Wadie Ella Block of the Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club, winner in Foods and Cookery; and Evelyn Bruce, McCaskill Club, second place winner in the State Canning Contest. These awards were given on the recommendation of the Food Preservation Specialist, Blanche Randolph.

Certificates of awards for outstanding leaders went to Elee Brown, Fulton, and Gladys Williamson, Washington. Special Service Awards of Silver Clover went to Arletta Scott, McNab; Millian Campbell Powers, W. S. Williamson of Columbus, and the Reverend E. L. Holmes of McNab, for five years of 4-H club leadership.

Awards of honorary membership for assistance given this year went to Prof. L. W. Williamson of Washington, Prof. W. V. Rutherford, Hope, Vadie Robinson of Blevins, and Velma R. Frye of Hope.

Mary Louise Booker presented gifts of appreciation to Gladys B. Williamson and Velma R. Frye.

Two others who have done outstanding work as 4-H leaders are S. H. Douglas and Erseline Mullins. Both the State 4-H Scholarship winner and the State Banner club were selected from Powers 4-H club, which they served as leaders.

The banquet service was in charge of Gladys Williamson and the Home Economics girls of Lincoln High school. The 4-H club colors, green and white were used.

**German Vote**

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ment which they dominate can ram rearmament through the national parliament at Bonn once the question of German aid is settled by the West.

But if the anti-rearment Socialists win — or even make sizeable gains in Bavaria — then the

tax proposal would increase the tax rate on the normal regulated earnings of his company from 45 percent to 63 percent.

"In this event our system would have to apply for increases of about \$16,000,000 or 20 per cent, in its charge to the public for utility service to bring its earnings up to a normal return," he said.

"If our earnings, regulated by law, are reduced, we cannot raise new money, construction must stop and gas must be rationed," he added.

Other witnesses today represented various other utilities and agreed generally that an excess profits tax would be discriminatory inflationary and difficult to administer.

Committee Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) told newsmen he plans to recall the committee into closed session Friday and to work daily thereafter, Sunday excluded, until an actual bill is drafted. Some members, however, are insisting that the committee recess until next Monday. It started its hearings last Wednesday.

The committee timetable calls for having a bill ready for presentation to the house around Dec. 1.

**Huge Gobbler  
Sent to the  
Governor**

Little Rock, Nov. 21 (UPI) — Gov. Sid McMath can talk some real turkey this Thanksgiving.

The governor has been presented with a 35-pound gobbler by the Arkansas Turkey Federation. He said he would eat it with his family on the state-observed holiday Nov. 30. It will be "business as usual" for the governor on Nov. 23, the federally-observed Thanksgiving.

The Indians had many dogs when the first Europeans arrived.

**Murfreesboro  
Fire Fatal  
to 4 Persons**

Murfreesboro, Nov. 22 — (AP) — Fire, apparently started by a kerosene stove explosion, killed four Negro children here yesterday.

The four, sons of Joe Landerson and his wife, were Wallace, four

years old, Guy, Raymond, two;

Phillip, 15 months, and Jackie, three months.

The father was at work and the mother at the home of a neighbor when the rapid-spreading fire was discovered at the Landerson dwelling. An older child, a daughter,

was at school.

Two of the children were dead when firemen reached them. The other two died later at a physician's office.

The fire destroyed the Landerson house and two others before it was extinguished.

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Wednesday, November 22

Mr. and Mrs. William Routon will honor Miss Mary Della White and Thomas Cannon with a dinner and bridge at 7:30 p.m. at 120 N. Pine.

Wednesday, November 22  
The Patmos PTA and SWAP will have a joint meeting at 7:30 in the High School Auditorium.

Thursday Nov. 23

Brownie Troop No. 1, Mrs. Mamie Hamm director, will meet immediately after school Thursday, Nov. 23 at the school. Hostesses will be Mary Elizabeth Warinack and Sue Bolls.

The music club will meet at the home of Mrs. Jim McKenzie Thursday night, November 23, at 7:30.

Miss Ruth Hamilton, Bride-elect of Paul O'Neal, will be honored at a party given by the Fidelia Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Ched Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Bill Wray, Mrs. A. L. Willis, Mrs. John Wallace, Miss Evelyn Erient, Mrs. James McCarty, Mrs. Thomas Purvis Mrs. Roy Sutton Mrs. Ed Aspin

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"Well, if buying one would send us to the poorhouse like you said, think how nice it would be having it there!"

## SIDE GLANCES

By Gelbreath

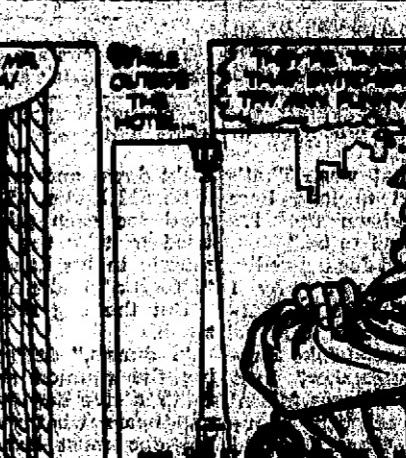


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By Chick Young



By Vic Flint



# WILLIE MOTOR CO.

## HOME CONVENTION

THE CIO CONVENTION, which opened yesterday in Boston, has been adjourned to the fall. The convention contained a motion to include in such political rights as:

- 1. Uniform sacrifices for wage earners compared with high income groups.
- 2. Across-the-board curtailment of civilian production without regard to military or civilian needs.
- 3. Credit restrictions which impose "inequitable burdens" on low income groups.
- 4. Loopholes which permit certain favored commercial interests to escape regulation.

The resolution, though not yet acted upon, was certain of adoption.

It declared:

"Only a well-planned, coordinated program will assure full development of the nation's productive resources and their maximum utilization in meeting the nation's military and essential civilian requirements."

The resolution charged that an "orgy of profiteering" by corporations has increased the need of

turnips contain almost as much water as watermelons.

you'll want to find out what's going on at the place you used to work, wherever that was. That's how we happened to land here when we were blown up. It's where we all wanted to be."

"No, sir," persisted Joe doggedly. "There ain't any reason why I should have landed here, no matter how high I got blown up."

"Yes there is," argued Jake Snyder. "Don't you remember? Just before it happened we was talkin' about Lakeview Beach bein' heaven and you said, 'That I would have to see.' Well, you wanted to see it and here you are."

"One thing bothers me, captain," Eddie said. "What are all those buildings to the north of us where the sheds of the Westwaygo Boat Company used to be?"

"That's still the 'boatworks' as everybody in town calls it," the captain explained. "They ex-

panded it to make small craft for the Navy. I think that happened after the National Guard outfit were mustered in. I didn't leave till considerably later. They used

to build P.T. boats—turned out one every hour on the hour. I believe they're making landing barges now. Lots of people working there—some of your old friends, I expect. You must look through it while you're here."

"Would they let us?" asked Jake. "I don't think anybody could stop you." The captain laughed.

"So long, boys."

DUKE finally subsided at Eddie's feet with a gusty sigh and promptly fell asleep. His god was home again and on the job. The lesser guardians could get some rest.

"I wonder," Jake speculated, "is the weather too cold for swimming."

"What time of year is it anyway?" one of the other soldiers inquired idly.

"It must be spring," said Joe who knew about such things. "It was late fall down there in monkey-land. So it's nearly summer up here."

"So," said Jake, "you admit that this ain't the South Pacific? And we ain't killin' Japs any more because they already killed us!"

"I admit nothing, my fine feathered friend. Appearance seems to bear out the statement you have just made. But appearance are not proof. I have a scientific mind. To me snap judgments have to be proved."

"A college education is wonderful," said Jake mock-admiringly. "It takes the fun out of everything, don't it?"

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"You mean," said Eddie slowly, "that I'm dead?"

"You and me both. Deader'n a couple snakes." The officer slipped Eddie across the rest of the pants with the flat of his hand. A friend.

"You're all right now, honorably discharged." He

sighed. "None of that duration for six months to look forward to so long."

"Wait a minute, doc," Eddie cried in a sudden panic. "I still need you."

"I've no more son. But if you come back, I'd like I'll be at the corner in town."

"I'll be there. What town?"

"Westwaygo. It's your own town. You know where the hospital is, don't you? I'm on the way before the war. I really live got to go back and see how things are just the way Eddie."

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THE medical officer's chuckle still hung in the air after he had vanished. It didn't seem so very strange that he should disappear that way. It must be that they were getting used to the idea of existence on a trick basis!

Then, from the road which was parallel to the shore came an excited shepherd dog. He ran right up to the group of men, barking all the way, but just a few feet away he stopped and growled uncertainly.

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